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CONTROLLER, IMAGE GATHERING METHOD,  
PRINT CONTROL METHOD, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM STORING COMPUTER-READABLE  
PROGRAM**

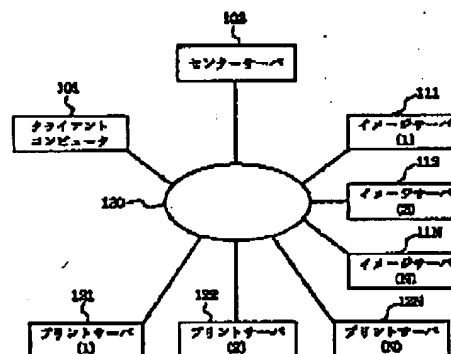
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(57) Abstract

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To make gatherable and transmittable an image for print at a low cost without sacrificing the service contents by managing the storage location of the image by a center server and gathering the image the storage location of the lowest cost and transmitting it to an output device that the user desires.

**SOLUTION:** The storage location of the image for print is managed by the center server, and the image is gathered from the storage location of the lowest cost and transmitted to the output device that the user desires. This device holds the image to be transmitted to a client computer 101 at a request from the client computer 101. Further, the center server 102 receives a print order from the client computer 101, gathers the image according to image storage location information, and sends a print request to print servers 121 to 12N. The image servers 111 to 11N save the image and sends



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